

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Abstracts can only be submitted **electronically** through the IMRP 2015 website at www.isirv.org. All abstracts must be received by **Monday, 25 May 2015**.

Investigator awards will be awarded to the best abstracts/presentations.

Travel awards will be offered for those from lower income countries. Please apply by submitting an abstract and indicating that you wish to be considered for travel awards.

Late breaker abstracts will also be called thereafter, with details provided at a later date. However, late breaker abstracts will not qualify for travel awards

The Organising Committee invites participants to submit abstracts of original, unpublished works for oral and/or poster presentations.

A. GENERAL RULES

1 Abstract Format

- 1.1 Abstracts must be limited to **400 words** - not including the title, authors, or institutions.
- 1.2 Abstracts must include a suitable title that clearly describes the research work.
- 1.3 Authors and institutions should be listed below the title.
- 1.4 The abstract should be formatted into four sections – **Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions**
- 1.5 Abstracts should contain text only - no tables or figures/graphs will be considered.

2 Types of Presentation

- 2.1 All authors should be prepared to do an oral or poster presentation. However, if you would like to be excluded from oral presentations, please check the appropriate box in the Abstract Form that can be found on www.isirv.org
- 2.2 The Scientific Programme Committee of the IMRP 2015 has the right to assign a different presentation format from the one selected by the presenting author.
 - i) **Oral Paper Presentation**
A selection of abstracts will be accepted for oral presentations during the Free Paper sessions. The duration of the presentation will be communicated at a later date to presenters for accepted abstracts.
 - ii) **Poster Presentation**
Participants are also encouraged to submit their work as poster presentations that promote direct exchange of ideas between presenter and delegates. Posters will be set up in a dedicated area. Poster formats will be communicated to presenters for accepted abstracts.

3 Abstract Receipt Confirmation

- 3.1 Upon successful submission, authors will receive an automated acknowledgement via email.
- 3.2 Lack of acknowledgement will indicate that the abstract was not received.
- 3.3 Abstracts must be received by **Monday, 25 May 2015**
- 3.4 Abstracts received after this date will not be accepted.

4 **Notification of Acceptance**

- The Presenting Author of each abstract accepted for publication will be notified by email by **Monday, 1 June 2015**. If the presenting author is unable to present the abstract, a co-author can take his/her place. The Presenting Author must inform the IMRP 2015 Conference Secretariat of this change in name as early as possible.

5 **Withdrawal**

Submitted abstracts cannot be withdrawn unless with valid reason(s) approved by the Scientific Committee.

6 **Originality of Abstracts**

Submitted abstracts must be original, and can consist of new unpublished research or recently published research.

7 **Publication**

- 7.1 Abstracts will be published exactly as submitted. Any abstract considered unsuitable for reproduction will not be published. In cases of abstracts with extremely poor English, the Abstract Selection Committee reserves the right to modify the submitted text, or to request for amendments. The Abstract Selection Committee however will make every effort in these instances not to alter the meaning of the text and will contact the submitting authors prior to publication.
- 7.2 All abstracts accepted for presentation (either oral or poster) will be published only if payment of registration has been made

B. HOW TO SEND ABSTRACTS

- i) Abstracts can only be submitted via the website. Abstracts sent by post or email will not be accepted. No exceptions will be made.
- ii) Authors can submit their abstracts online at: www.isirv.org
- iii) Should you experience any unforeseen problems with the electronic submission, please contact:

Email: faculty@isirv-imrp.org

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TOPICS

1. Emerging and re-emerging respiratory pathogens
2. Burden and epidemiology (including co-infections)
3. Immunology (incl. disease pathogenesis and host dynamics)
4. Evolution and molecular epidemiology
5. Diagnostics and diagnostic techniques
6. Vaccinations (including novel vaccines and vaccine efficacy/effectiveness)
7. Therapeutics (including drugs and immuno-modulator therapies)
8. Anti-microbial resistant organisms (including antiviral resistance in influenza and other respiratory viral infections)
9. Clinical management (including SARI / ALRI / critically ill patients / community-acquired infections)
10. Surveillance systems and public health prevention strategies
11. Modeling the spread and control of diseases

SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATION

- Online submission of abstracts: Available from **Friday, 9 January 2015**
- Abstracts Submission Deadline: **Monday, 25 May 2015**
- Notification of Acceptance: **Monday, 1 June 2015**
- Late breaker abstracts will also be called, with details provided at a later date.